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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/18/2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-90 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 16-90 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Election

The examiner is in receipt of applicant's response to office action mailed 7/11/2006, which was received 9/18/2006. Acknowledgement is made to the amendment to claims 1,6 and 11. Applicant's remarks and amendment have been carefully considered and were persuasive, however after further searching and consideration the following new grounds of rejection necessitated by amendment follows:

Examiner's Note

Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers or figures in the references as applied to the claims below for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant, in preparing the responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the

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applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1,2,4-7,9-12,14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ferguson (5,966,697).

In regards to claim 1, Ferguson discloses an electronic shopping cart system integrated with a computer network connecting a plurality of servers together, the computer network being accessible by a user (FIG 1), comprising:

a first server associated with a first website (FIG 10C),

the first server including a shopping cart application configured to maintain a shopping cart order of items selected by a user accessing one or more of a plurality of affiliated websites (FIG 3), and

a catalog application adapted to receive item information relating to the items that can be selected by the user accessing one or more of the plurality of affiliated websites (FIG 9E),

the first server being configured to process the shopping cart order and to provide order fulfillment information to the affiliated websites from which the items were selected by the user (FIG 1, Item Checkout processor); and

a plurality of affiliated servers associated with the plurality of affiliated websites (FIG 1),

each of the affiliated servers including a respective catalog of item information relating to the items that can be selected from the respective affiliated websites (Fig 3),

the plurality of affiliated servers being adapted to provide the respective catalogs of item information to the first server and to receive and process the order fulfillment information from the first server (Abstract).

In regards to claim 2, Ferguson teaches wherein the computer network is the World Wide Web (FIG 1).

In regards to claim 4, Ferguson teaches wherein the item information includes any of item identification information, cost information, and description information (FIG 10C).

In regards to claim 5, Ferguson teaches wherein the order fulfillment information includes any of item identification information and shipping information (FIG 10E).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferguson in view of Official Notice.

In regards to claim 3,8 and 13, Ferguson teaches the sale of products, but does not specifically mention that the item be sold is a service. The examiner takes Official Notice that it was old and well known in the art at the time of the invention to sell both products and services from an online web site. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include in Ferguson the sale of services, because this would increase the usability of the system and increase revenues.

In regards to claims 6-15, these claims are considered parallel claims to claims 1-5 above and are rejected for the same rationale.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Mark Fadok** whose telephone number is **571.272.6755**. The examiner can normally be reached Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Jeff Smith** can be reached on **571.272.6763**.

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